

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 00975 142138Z

21

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

COME-00 EB-07 LAB-04 SIL-01 USPS-01 OC-05 CCO-00 /075 W

----- 059334

R 142107Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5920

INFO ALL CONSULATES GENERAL IN CANADA VIA POUCH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE OTTAWA 0975

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, CA

SUBJECT: DISPUTES IN PUBLIC SECTOR CONTINUE

REF: OTTAWA 808

1. MONTH-LONG SELECTIVE STRIKE ACTION BY GENRAL LABOR AND TRADES GROUP (GLT) OF PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA REMAINS IN FORCE ALTHOUGH UNRELENTING CRITICISM OF PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION CONTRIBUTED TO GOC DECISION TO SEEK EARLY END TO STRIKES THROUGH IMPOSED MEDIATION OR BACK-TO-WORK LEGISLATION.

2. ROTATING STRIKES BY SEVERAL HUNDRED OF THE 18,600 GLT MEMBERS IS HAVING ADVERSE FALL OUT ON CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH POSTAL WORKERS, WHO HAVE REFUSED TO CROSS GLT PICKET LINES AT MAJOR POST OFFICES THROUGHOUT CANADA. THREATS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY TREASURY BOARD PRESIDENT CHRETIEN AGAINST ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS IN GLT GROUP AND BY POSTMASTER GENERAL MACKASEY AGAINST POSTAL WORKERS, WHO STAGED WALKOUTS IN WAKE OF SUSPENSIONS OF OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO HAD STRUCK ILLEGALLY IN CONJUNCTION ITH GLT STRIKE, HAVE MADE RESPECTIVE UNIONS MORE INTRANSIGENT.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 00975 142138Z

3. ON ORDER OF PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS BOARD
MEDIATOR WAS GIVEN 48 HOURS (EXPIRING MARCH 14) TO
OBTAIN AGREEMENT IN GLT DISPUTE. IN LAST BARGAINING
ROUND TREASURY BOARD OFFERED 17 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE IN
15-MONTH CONTRACT WITH UNION PROPOSING 23 PERCENT.
GOVERNMENT VIRTUALLY COMMITTED TO INTRODUCE BACK-TO-
WORK LEGISLATION WITH ARBITRATED SETTLEMENT IF CURRENT
LAST-MINUTE NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

4. ALMOST TWO-WEEK ABSENCE OF LABOR MINISTER MUNRO
FROM PARLIAMET AND OFFICE (SEE OTTAWA 756) IS NOW
BEING USED BY OPPOSITION TO CALL FOR HIS RESIGNATION IF
HE CANNOT RESUME LEADERSHIP OF HIS DEPARTMENT AT THIS
CRITICAL TIME IN LABOR RELATIONS. MUNRO LEFT HOSPITAL
ON MARCH 10 BUT NO DATE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR
RESUMPTION OF HIS FUNCTIONS.
PORTER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LABOR UNIONS, LABOR STRIKES, POSTAL SERVICE, NEGOTIATIONS, LABOR OBJECTIVES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975OTTAWA00975
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750091-0152
From: OTTAWA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750350/aaaabsku.tel
Line Count: 78
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 OTTAWA 808
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 MAY 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <19 MAY 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DISPUTES IN PUBLIC SECTOR CONTINUE
TAGS: ELAB, CA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006